

Yeas and nays called for, and carried by the following vote :

Yeas.....	13
Nays	11

Those who voted in the affirmative are—

Mr. Baker	Mr. S. Eyans
Bell	Foster
Bowers	Hall
Broughton	Latimer
Cole	Mills
Dohoney	Pyle
S. W. Ford	

Those who voted in the negative are—

Mr. Alford	Mr. Hertsberg
Campbell	Pridgen
Douglas	Rawson
Flanagan	Ruby
Fountain	Shannon
Gaines	

TENTH DAY'S PROCEEDINGS.

SENATE CHAMBER,
AUSTIN, Friday, February 18, 1870.

Senate met pursuant to adjournment.

Lieutenant-Governor J. W. Flanagan, presiding.

Roll called ; quorum present.

Minutes of yesterday read and approved.

Communication from the House transmitting joint resolution adopting thirteenth, fourteenth and fifteenth amendments to the Constitution of the United States.

Senator Ruby moved that the rules be suspended and the Thirteenth Amendment to the Constitution of the United States be taken up for second reading.

Carried.

Read second time.

Senator Ruby moved that the rules be further suspended, and the

Thirteenth Amendment to the Constitution of the United States be taken up for third reading and final passage.

Carried.

Read third time and passed.

Senator Flanagan moved that the rules be suspended and the Fourteenth Amendment to the Constitution of the United States be taken up for second reading.

Carried.

Read second time.

Senator Fountain moved that the rules be further suspended, and the Fourteenth Amendment to the Constitution of the United States be taken up for third reading and final passage.

Carried.

Read third time and passed by the following vote :

Yeas.....	23
Nays	3

Those who voted in the affirmative are—

Mr. Alford	Mr. Gaines
Baker	Hall
Bell	Hertzberg
Bowers	Latimer
Broughton	Mills
Campbell	Parsons
Cole	Pridgen
Dohoney	Pyle
Ford	Rawson
Flanagan	Ruby
Foster	Saylor
Fountain	

Those who voted in the negative are—

Mr. Evans	Shannon
Douglas	

Senator Fountain moved that the rules be suspended, and the Fifteenth Amendment to the Constitution of the United States be taken up for second reading.

Carried.

Read second time.

Senator Flanagan moved that the rules be further suspended and

the Fifteenth Amendment to the Constitution of the United States be taken up for third reading and final passage.

Carried.

Read third time and passed by the following vote:

Yeas.....	24
Nays.....	2

Those who voted in the affirmative are—

Mr. Alford	Mr. Fountain
Baker	Gaines
Bell	Hall
Bowers	Hertzberg
Broughton	Latimer
Campbell	Mills
Cole	Parsons
Dohoney	Pridgen
Douglass	Pyle
Ford	Rawson
Flanagan	Ruby
Foster	Saylor

Those who voted in the negative are—

Mr. Evans	Mr. Shannon
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Report of Committee on Elections.

COMMITTEE ROOM,
AUSTIN, February 18, 1870.

HON. J. W. FLANAGAN,

President of the Senate:

SIR: Your Committee on Privileges and Elections beg leave unanimously to make the following report:

In the matter of contest between R. K. Smith vs. John G. Bell, of the Thirteenth Senatorial District, your committee find, after full and impartial investigation of said contest, that said John G. Bell was duly and legally elected.

Your committee, therefore, recommend that said John G. Bell be permitted to retain his seat.

Respectfully submitted,

THOS. H. BAKER,
Chairman

Senator Fountain moved that the report be adopted.

Carried.

Senator Bowers moved that as the House had adjourned until Monday, February 21, 1870, at ten A. M., the Senate adjourn until the same time.

Carried.

ELEVENTH DAY'S PROCEEDINGS.

SENATE CHAMBER,
AUSTIN, Monday, February 21, 1870.

Senate met pursuant to adjournment.

Lieutenant-Governor J. W. Flanagan presiding.

Roll called; quorum present.

Minutes of Friday read and approved.

Senator Douglas presented the credentials of Senator Pickett. Thereupon Senator Pickett took the oath of office and his seat.

Communication from the House.

WHEREAS, The people of Texas have adopted a Republican constitution; and

Whereas, the Legislature of the State of Texas, duly assembled by virtue of said instrument, has ratified the Thirteenth, Fourteenth and Fifteenth Amendments to the Constitution of the United States, thus in good faith, complying with the conditions precedent to the admission of Texas in the Federal Union; and

Whereas, the signal triumph of Republican principles in the late election has resulted in the installation of the entire Republican candidates, and has secured the balance of power in both Houses of the General Assembly; and

Whereas, the State of Texas is sorely pressed for appropriate relief for her weak, crippled and almost impoverished condition incident to the long absence of remedial legislation; therefore be it

Resolved by the Senate and House of Representatives of the State of Texas, That the Legislature, in order to speedily commence the work of advancing the material wealth and civil